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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This paper responds to the Office Action pursuant to Ex Parte Quayle, regarding rejoinder of claims 50-53. Without acquiescence to the question of whether claims 50-53 should or should not be considered within the elected subject matter of the remaining claims, Applicants cancel claims 50-53 without prejudice.

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